

SPECIAL, NOT SPECIAL

Deuteronomy 7-11 • Message 2

LEGO BUMPER • PRAY • MOSES' FINAL WORDS, END OF HIS LIFE, BEGINNING OF THEIRS

• God blesses those who honor him and judges those who don't.

AND IT'S SIMPLE • DT 6:4-5

DOES THAT PROMISE APPLY TO US?

- It applies to God's people **COLLECTIVELY**.
- It applies to God's people LONGTERM.
 BUT WEREN'T THE ISRAELITES SPECIAL? MAYBE WE SHOULD CONSIDER THAT...

SPECIAL PEOPLE • DT. 7:1-15 (P. 84)

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COMMENT ON APPARENT GENOCIDE:

OUR PERSPECTIVE IS BASED ON JESUS (DIGNITY OF INDIVIDUAL)
WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOLINESS, JUSTICE, AND GRACE
WE FORGET THIS COMMAND CAME ONLY ONCE FROM SUPER-MAN MOSES !!

THE BIG PICTURE (7:6-15)

The Israelites were God's **SPECIAL PEOPLE** ...

7:7-8

...special because God **C H O S E** to **L O V E** them...

7:9-15 • SAME MESSAGE, BUT BROADER THAN ISRAEL!

...as he does A L L who L O V E him!

SPECIAL BECAUSE THEY ARE CHOSEN, NOT CHOSEN BECAUSE THEY ARE SPECIAL!

• THAT'S WHY THEY APPLY TO US • CHOOSE TO BECOME SPECIAL!! ENTER INTO THIS RELATIONSHIP!

LIVING AS SPECIAL PEOPLE (7:16-11:32)

• Establish a special **ENVIRONMENT**

7:16

• Give God credit for **PROSPERITY**

8:1-9 • 8:10-14, 17-18 • GRATITUDE SUNDAY

• Give God credit for **SUCCESS**.

9:1-6 • 9:7 FF

• Just **HONOR** God.

10:12-13, 10:14, 17-19 •• DEUTERONOMY 11:26-28

God blesses his people when they honor him and judges them when they don't because of **W H O H E I S** not who they are.

THAT'S WHY THIS APPLIES TO US! BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT GOD, HIS CHOICE... IF ONLY WE WERE CHOSEN! • 1 PETER 2:9-10 • COLOSSIANS 3:11-12 • SO OBEY • JOHN 6:28-29



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